

GENERAL

$$\text{Lbs} = \text{mg/l} \times \text{MGD} \times 8.34 \text{ (lbs/gal)}$$

$$\text{Circumference of a circle} = \pi \times \text{diameter, or } 2 \times \pi \times \text{radius} \quad \text{where } \pi = 3.14$$

$$\text{Area of a circle} = \pi (r^2), \text{ or } 0.785 \times (d^2) \quad d=\text{diameter} \quad r=\text{radius}$$

$$\text{Area of a triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ base} \times \text{height}$$

$$\text{Area of a rectangle} = \text{length} \times \text{width}$$

$$\text{Volume of a cylinder} = \text{area of the circular base} \times \text{height}$$

$$\text{Volume (ft}^3\text{)} = \text{length (ft)} \times \text{width (ft)} \times \text{depth (ft)}$$

$$\text{Volume of a cone} = 1/3 \times (\text{volume of a cylinder})$$

$$\text{Volume of a tank} = \text{cubic feet (ft}^3\text{) in the tank} \times 7.48 \text{ gals/ft}^3$$

$$\text{Temperature Conversions: Centigrade} = \frac{\text{Fahrenheit} - 32}{1.8}, \quad \text{Fahrenheit} = \frac{9}{5} \text{ Centigrade} + 32$$

$$\text{Geometric mean} = \text{antilog of } \frac{\text{sum of logs of sample results}}{\text{number of samples}}$$

$$\text{Volume/Concentration conversion} \quad \text{mls} \times \text{normality} = \text{mls} \times \text{normality}$$

$$\text{Slope} = \text{Rise/Run}$$

$$\text{Percent Slope} = \text{Rise/Run} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Watts} = \text{volts} \times \text{amps} = \frac{\text{voltage}}{\text{ohms}}$$

PROCESS CONTROL

$$\text{Detention time (hrs.)} = \frac{\text{tank volume in gallons} \times 24 \text{ hr./day}}{\text{flow in gallons per day}}$$

$$\% \text{ Efficiency of Removal} = \frac{\text{mg/l influent} - \text{mg/l effluent}}{\text{mg/l influent}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Pond population equivalent, in persons} = \frac{\text{Flow in MGD} \times \text{BOD in mg/l} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal}}{0.2 \text{ lbs BOD/day/person}}$$

$$\text{Pond area, acres} = \frac{\text{average width in ft.} \times \text{average length in ft}}{43560 \text{ ft}^2/\text{acre}}$$

$$\text{Pond volume, acre feet (ac ft)} = \text{area in acres (ac)} \times \text{depth in feet (ft)}$$

$$\text{Pond influent flow in ac-ft/day} = \frac{\text{gals per day}}{7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3 \times 43560 \text{ ft}^2/\text{acre}}$$

Formulas for Wastewater, Collections & Physical-Chemical Exams

$$\text{Pond detention time (days)} = \frac{\text{pond volume in ac-ft}}{\text{influent rate in ac-ft/day}}$$

$$\text{Pond hydraulic loading, inches per day} = \frac{\text{depth of pond in inches}}{\text{detention time in days}}$$

$$\text{Pond organic loading (lbs. BOD/day/acre)} = \frac{\text{BOD in mg/l} \times \text{MGD} \times 8.34}{\text{pond area in acres}}$$

$$\text{Pond population loading} = \frac{\text{population served in \# of persons}}{\text{pond area in acres}}$$

$$\% \text{ Settleable Solids} = \frac{\text{mls of settled sludge after 30 min.}}{\text{vol. of settleometer}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Sludge Volume Index (SVI)} = \frac{(\% \text{ settleable solids} \times 10,000)}{\text{MLSS in mg/l}}$$

$$\text{Recirculation ratio for trickling filters} = \frac{\text{recirculated flow}}{\text{influent wastewater flow}}$$

$$\text{Surface loading (overflow) rate, gpd/ft}^2 = \frac{\text{flow in gpd}}{\text{surface area in ft}^2}$$

$$\text{Weir overflow rate} = \frac{\text{flow in gpd}}{\text{feet of weir}}$$

$$\text{Trickling Filter Organic Loading, lbs/day/1000 ft}^3 = \frac{\text{BOD applied in lbs. per day}}{\text{volume of media in 1000 ft}^3}$$

$$\text{Trickling Filter Hydraulic Loading, gpd/ft}^2 = \frac{\text{gal/day (including recirculation flow)}}{\text{surface area in ft}^2}$$

Mean cell residence time (MCRT) in days

$$= \frac{\text{MLSS in mg/l} \times \text{MG (aer. tank + sec. clar. vol.)} \times 8.34}{(\text{Eff. SS in mg/l} \times \text{MGD} \times 8.34) + (\text{WAS in mg/l} \times \text{WAS MGD} \times 8.34)}$$

$$\text{Sludge age, days} = \frac{\text{MLSS in mg/l} \times \text{aerator volume in MG} \times 8.34}{\text{Primary Eff. SS in mg/l} \times \text{MGD} \times 8.34}$$

$$\text{BOD}_5 \text{ (unseeded), mg/l} = \frac{\text{DO}_i - \text{DO}_5}{p}$$

where DO_i = Initial DO

DO_5 = DO after 5 days

$$p = \frac{\text{mls of sample}}{300 \text{ (mls in a BOD bottle)}}$$

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$$\text{BOD}_5, \text{ mg/l (seeded)} = \text{Seeded BOD mg/L} = \frac{(\text{DO}_1 - \text{DO}_5) - ((\text{SB}_1 - \text{SB}_5) * f)}{P}$$

Where $f = \frac{\text{mls of Seed in Sample}}{\text{mls of Seed in Seed Blank}}$

$$p = \frac{\text{mls of Sample}}{300 \text{ mls}}$$

Wasting rate, gpm = pumping rate, MGD x 694 gpm/MGD

$$\text{Total Suspended Solids (TSS), mg/l} = \frac{\text{dry solids in grams} \times 1000 \text{ mg/g} \times 1000 \text{ ml/l}}{\text{sample volume in mls}}$$

or $= \frac{\text{weight of solids in mg} \times 1000 \text{ mls/l}}{\text{sample volume in mls}}$

$$\text{Total Solids (TS), mg/l} = \frac{A - B \times 1000}{\text{sample volume in mL}}$$

where $A = \text{weight of dish + dried residue in milligrams}$
 $B = \text{weight of dish in milligrams}$

$$\text{Volatile Solids (VS), mg/L} = \frac{(A - B) \times 1000}{\text{sample volume in mL}}$$

where $A = \text{weight of residue + dish before ignition in milligrams}$
 $B = \text{weight of residue + dish after ignition in milligrams}$

$$\text{Percent (\%) Volatile Solids} = \frac{(A - C) \times 100}{A - B}$$

where $A = \text{weight of dish + dried residue in milligrams}$
 $B = \text{weight of dish in milligrams}$
 $C = \text{weight of residue + dish after ignition in milligrams}$

$$\text{F/M (food to microorganism) ratio} = \frac{\text{BOD (or COD) in mg/l} \times \text{MGD} \times 8.34}{\text{MLVSS in mg/l} \times \text{aeration basin vol. in MG} \times 8.34}$$

$$\text{Dry solids to a digester, lbs/day} = \text{sludge in gpd} \times 8.34 \times \frac{\% \text{ Total solids}}{100}$$

$$\text{Volatile Solids to a digester, lbs/day} = \text{sludge in gpd} \times 8.34 \times \frac{\% \text{ Total Solids}}{100} \times \frac{\% \text{ Vol. Solids}}{100}$$

Volatile Solids Destroyed in a digester, lbs/day/ft³

$$= \frac{\text{Volume of sludge in gal/day} \times \% \text{ solids} \times \% \text{ volatile} \times \% \text{ reduction} \times 8.34}{\text{Digester volume in ft}^3}$$

% Volatile Solids Destroyed in a digester

$$\% \text{ reduction} = \frac{(\text{in}) - (\text{out})}{(\text{in}) - (\text{in} * \text{out})} * 100$$

Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Rate calculated using Settleability

$$\text{MGD} = \text{Secondary influent flow, MGD} \times \text{Return Sludge Rate Ratio}$$

$$\text{where Return Sludge Rate Ratio} = \frac{30 \text{ min settled sludge volume in ml/l}}{\text{clear liquid volume in ml/l}}$$

$$\text{Total waste activated sludge (WAS) in MGD} = \text{current rate in MGD} + \text{additional rate in MGD}$$

$$\text{Stream Conc. Formula} = \frac{\text{lbs/day discharged from plant} + \text{lbs/day upstream total flow}}{\text{MGD (plant flow} + \text{stream flow)} \times 8.34}$$

$$\text{Nitrogenous Oxygen Demand (NOD), mg/l} = \text{NH}_3, \text{ mg/l} \times 4.6 \text{ mg/l O}_2 \text{ per mg/l NH}_3 \text{ converted to NO}_3$$

$$\text{Ultimate Oxygen Demand (UOD), mg/l} = (1.5 \times \text{BOD, mg/l}) + (4.6 \times \text{NH}_3, \text{ mg/l})$$

Chemical Oxygen Demand, mg/l

$$= \frac{(\text{mls of FAS to titrate blank} - \text{mls of FAS to titrate sample}) \times \text{normality of FAS} \times 8000}{\text{mls of sample}}$$

(*FAS = Ferrous Ammonium Sulfate)

$$\text{Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) pumping rate} = \frac{\text{Solids to be wasted in lbs/day}}{\text{WAS SS in mg/l} \times 8.34}$$

PUMP/FLOW

$$Q = A \times V$$

where Q = quantity of flow (in units of ft³/sec.)
 A = cross sectional area
 V = velocity

$$\text{Velocity in ft/sec} = \frac{\text{flow rate - in ft}^3/\text{sec}}{\text{cross-sectional area - in ft}^2}$$

$$\text{Water horsepower (Water HP)} = \frac{\text{gpm} \times \text{total head in ft}}{3960}$$

$$\text{Brake horsepower (Brake HP)} = \frac{\text{flow in gpm} \times \text{total head in ft}}{3960 \times \text{pump efficiency}}$$

$$\text{Motor horsepower (Motor HP)} = \frac{\text{gpm} \times \text{total head in ft}}{3960 \times \text{pump efficiency} \times \text{motor efficiency}}$$

Pump electrical costs/year

$$= \text{hp} \times 0.746 \text{ kW/hp} \times \# \text{ of hrs pump operates per day} \times \text{cost (\$) per kW/hr} \times 365 \text{ day/yr.}$$